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SUBJ: (C) DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: STATEMENT BY GUL
MOHAMMAD, CHAUFFEUR TO THE AMBASSADOR REGARDING
KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THIS MORNING GUL MOHAMMAD CAME TO EMBASSY AT 0715, CLEANED
CAR AND THEN TOOK IT FROM TLC GARAGE AND WENT TO PICK UP THE
AMBASSADOR. HE WAITED FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO COME OUT OF
THE RESIDENCE, AT 0840, HIS NORMAL TIME. THE AMBASSADOR CAME
OUT AT 0840, GOT INTO CAR AND SAID GOOD MORNING TO GUL
MOHAMMAD. AMBASSADOR SAT IN THE CAR ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE
BACK SEAT (AS OPPOSED TO SITTING DIRECTLY BEHIND THE DRIVER).
THEN GUL MOHAMMAD LOCKED ALL DOORS TO THE CAR, AS HE DOES
EVERY DAY. GUL MOHAMMAD ALSO STATED THAT HE VARIES THE ROUTE
TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY DAILY. WHEN GUL MOHAMMAD WAS ASKED
IF THE AMBASSADOR'S CAR HAD BEEN FOLLOWED IN THE PAST FEW
DAYS HE SAID NO. AT 0840 THEY LEFT THE RESIDENCE AND AT
ABOUT 0845 THEY ARRIVED NEAR USICA. AMBASSADOR WAS READING
HIS PAPER AND THERE WAS NO CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIM AND GUL
MOHAMMAD. AT THIS POINT A TALL TRAFFIC COP WITH INSIGNIA OF
A SERGEANT, PUT OUT HIS HAND SIGNALING FOR GUL MOHAMMAD TO STOP.
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GUL MOHAMMAD STATED THAT THE MAN LOOKED LIKE ANY OTHER TRAFFIC

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COP INCLUDING UNIFORM, GUN, INSIGNIA ON UNIFORM. THE COP WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE STREET AND WHEN THE AMBASSADOR'S CAR CAME PAST, HE MOVED INTO THE STREET TO STOP THE CAR. THE AMBASSADOR GUL MOHAMMAD TO ASK THE COP WHAT HE WANTED. GUL MOHAMMAD WAS TOLD BY THE COP THAT "WE HAVE SUSPICIONS (SIC) FROM GOVERNMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO SEARCH CAR." GUL MOHAMMAD ASKED THE AMBASSADOR, WHO ALLOWED GUL MOHAMMAD TO OPEN THE FRONT DOOR. COP OPENED DOOR, LOOKED IN FRONT OF INSIDE OF CAR AND THEN LOOKED TOWARDS THE BACK, AFTER THE AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD GUL MOHAMMAD IT WAS OKAY TO LOOK IN THE BACK. THE PATROLMAN OPENED THE BACK DOOR AND PUT A PISTOL TO GUL MOHAMMAD'S HEAD. GUL MOHAMMAD THOUGHT, BUT DID NOT VOICE, THE IDEA THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO LOOK AT THE CAR, BUT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE PISTOL. THE COP TOLD GUL MOHAMMAD NOT TO MOVE. THEN THREE OTHER MEN APPEARED, IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, AND TWO OF THEM GOT INTO THE BACK SEAT WITH THE AMBASSADOR, ONE OF THE MEN PUT A PISTOL TO THE BACK OF GUL MOHAMMAD'S HEAD AND THERE WAS ANOTHER AIMED AT HIS CHEST. ACCORDING TO GUL MOHAMMAD, THE PISTOL WAS VERY SMALL, ABOUT 5 INCHES LONG (THE PISTOL AIMED AT HIS CHEST). ANOTHER MAN CAME TO THE AMBASSADOR'S SIDE OF THE CAR, AND THE FOURTH MAN PUSHED OVER GUL MOHAMMAD'S BODY AND SEATED HIMSELF BESIDE GUL MOHAMMAD. THE THREE MEN AND THE AMBASSADOR WERE IN THE BACK OF THE CAR AND THE FOURTH MAN WAS IN THE FRONT SEAT WITH GUL MOHAMMAD. GUL MOHAMMAD ASKED WHERE HE WAS TO GO--HE ASKED IF HE SHOULD GO TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND WAS TOLD NO, GO TO THE RIGHT. COP, WHO WAS IN UNIFORM, LOOKED LIKE AN AFGHAN FROM KABUL AND SPOKE DARI. THE OTHERS ALSO SPOKE DARI AND GUL MOHAMMAD THOUGHT THAT ONE OF THE GROUP CAME FROM THE AREA OF BADAQSHAN. NONE OF THE FOUR MEN APPEARED TO BE THE BOSS. AND GUL MOHAMMAD THOUGHT ONE OF THE GROUP

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WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE CITY SINCE AT ONE POINT HE TOLD GUL MOHAMMAD TO GO LEFT AND ONE OF THE OTHER MEN SAID TO GO RIGHT. GUL MOHAMMAD NEVER SAW ANY CARS FOLLOWING, ETC. AND HE DID NOT RECALL WHERE THE THREE, WHO ENTERED THE CAR, CAME FROM. GUL MOHAMMAD WAS TOLD TO GO TO THE KABUL HOTEL, SO HE PASSED USICA AND THEN TURNED RIGHT AND GUL MOHAMMAD WAS TOLD NOT TO STOP AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR ANYTHING AND EVEN IF GUL MOHAMMAD PUT HIS FOOT ON THE BRAKE HE WOULD BE KILLED (THIS STATED BY MAN IN BACK SEAT WITH GUN ON GUL MOHAMMAD'S HEAD). DURING THE RIDE TO THE HOTEL, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED GUL MOHAMMAD TO TRANSLATE WHAT THE MEN WERE SAYING. THE MEN

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DID NOT TALK WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT ALL. AMBASSADOR TOLD THE MAN TO TAKE THE GUN AWAY FROM GUL MOHAMMAD'S NECK AND OFF OF HIMSELF AND IF THEY DID HE WOULD COOPERATE WITH THEM. THEY STOPPED AT KABUL HOTEL AND PUSHED THE AMBASSADOR OUT OF THE CAR. GUL MOHAMMAD ALL THROUGH THIS FELT THE MEN DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. THERE WERE STILL TWO GUNS TRAINED ON GUL MOHAMMAD. TWO OF THE MEN OPENED THE SIDE DOOR AND TOOK THE AMBASSADOR OUT OF THE CAR. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR WAS OUT OF THE CAR, THE MAN TOOK THE PISTOL AWAY FROM THE BACK OF GUL MOHAMMAD'S HEAD. THEN HE WAS TOLD TO GO TO HIS EMBASSY. GUL MOHAMMAD NOTED ONE MAN, STANDING OUTSIDE THE HOTEL, NEAR THE DOOR, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THIS MAN WAS PART OF THE GROUP OF KIDNAPPERS. ONE OF THE MEN IN THE CAR ASKED THE MAN OUTSIDE THE HOTEL TO OPEN THE DOOR, BUT STILL GUL MOHAMMAD IS NOT SURE IF MAN WAS A FRIEND OF KIDNAPPERS OR WHAT. GUL MOHAMMAD IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY AND INFORMED HIS SUPERIORS OF THE KIDNAPPING. HE LATER WAS BROUGHT TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WHERE HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY MAJ. TAROON. HE WAS RELEASED AND RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY, AND ISSUED THIS STATEMENT. AMSTUTZ

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